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1. A new Communist propaganda group, Asociacion pro Ciencia y Arte, has recently been formed in Santiago by the Communist-front organization, Grupo de Arte Continente*, aided by the Alianza de Intelectuales, and Communists from art, medical, educational, and literary student groups. The function of this new group will be to propagandize Soviet scientific and technical progress and developments and show that they are being used to create better living standards rather than to build armaments.
2. The formation of the group was prompted by the fact that such abundant Soviet scientific material in publications is received in Santiago from the Soviet Embassy in Mexico. The Communists state that the general public knows nothing of the scientific progress of the Soviet Union, but receives daily accounts in the Chilean press concerning the scientific developments of the capitalist world. They believe that the Soviet scientific developments are of greater interest and that the knowledge of these will do much to discount capitalist claims.
3. The new association will be directed by representatives of the various Communist-dominated art and scientific groups in Santiago and is at present managed by the Communist-front Alianza de Intelectuales, the president of which is Mireya Lafuente, a Communist.
4. On 12 October 1951 the Grupo de Arte Continente, which has played a leading part in the formation of the new organization, held a day-long festival at the Recoleta Stadium in Santiago, featuring football games, films, and dancing, which was attended by about 500 persons, including the following Communists: Julio Antonio Vasquez, Lucy Lortsch Revett, Graciela Alvarez Rojas, Haydee Alarcon Lozano, Consuelo Nistal Martinez, Rosalia Keller Keller.

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At this festival, there were numerous slogans on the walls of the lunch rooms, including drawings of the Iberian Peninsula shackled by chains, with a padlock at the center and decorated with U.S. flags. The following wall slogans were noted:

War Means Hunger and Misery

Schools, Not Cannons

Sign the Peace Pact Petition

We Will Not Go To War

Abundance, Peace, and Progress

Korean Hot Dogs

Plans were made for those present to attend the 16 October 1951 homecoming celebration for the Chilean delegates to the Berlin Youth Festival.

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